

### REMARKS

In the last Action, restriction was required among Group I, claims 1-11 and 21-30 drawn to a method of forming an electric double layer capacitor, Group II, claims 12-20 drawn to a sealing material and Group III, claims 31-32 drawn to an electric double layer capacitor. The Examiner stated that the three inventions are patentably distinct from each other, thereby making restriction proper. Applicants were required to elect one of the three inventions for further prosecution in this application.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants have provisionally elected the invention of Group I drawn to a method of forming an electric double layer capacitor and submit that claims 1-11 and 21-30 are readable on the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been retained in the application pending possible withdrawal of the restriction requirement or applicants' decision to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

In light of the foregoing, early and favorable  
action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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